

Liberal Party Special Assembly Saturday 20th November
Fountain Inn B'ham and Internet Video conference via Zoom
The meeting will start at Noon - 1600

Electric scooper legislation

The Liberal Party calls for the Govt to bring forward legislation to cover the public use of electric scooters.

These devices are now ubiquitous but remains technically illegal pending government trials and enforcement of road traffic law is uneven across the country.

The on-going trial in Liverpool run in co-operation with e-scooter operator Voi has reduced city Co2 emission by an estimated 328 tones and eliminated an estimated 600,000 short car journeys.

Whilst the party welcomes these as a low carbon form of transport it fully acknowledges concerns over their use on roads and pavements.

We believe that use should be covered by legislation like that which cover peddle cycles with safety advice on their use on pavements and the advice to wear an approved helmet.

Policy Development Committee

Tax Threshold Increase up to £20000

As a party we are proposing that we increase the Income Tax threshold from the current £12,500 up to £20,000.

There is a tripartite argument in favour of such a proposal:

- Firstly, it would incentivise work and put good old fashioned 'protestant work ethic' back onto the agenda.
- Secondly, it would take people out of the lower end of the income spectrum out of paying tax completely. Free up 6 million people from income tax, by lifting the minimum threshold to £20,000, from £12,500 pa. This is 1 in 5 taxpayers. Basic income tax rate stays at 20%. The less well-off benefit proportionately most, saving £1,500 pa @£20,000 salary, circa £30 per week.
- Thirdly, stimulate the economy: tax cuts should be focused on low- and middle-income households who tend to have a higher propensity to spend high degree of their income than high-income households.

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